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HOUSE MEMORIAL 69

**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING MARCH 9, 2007 AS "ENLACE NEW MEXICO DAY" AT THE  
LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico is committed to providing  
access to quality education for all students from pre-  
kindergarten through graduate and doctoral studies; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has a rich multicultural heritage that  
is rooted in its unique history, geography and relations among  
its people with different identities, varying languages and  
diverse narratives; and

WHEREAS, over the past five years, Engaging Latino  
Communities for Education (ENLACE) New Mexico has established  
community partnerships, including with institutions that  
prepare students for careers in law, medicine and other  
professions; and

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1           WHEREAS, ENLACE New Mexico believes in inclusivity and  
2 that a Latino-focused educational initiative will create a  
3 world-class educational system for all students; and

4           WHEREAS, students, parents and communities must define  
5 programmatic and policy issues necessary to effect systemic  
6 change; and

7           WHEREAS, the work of ENLACE recognizes, validates and  
8 embraces the core cultural values of its stakeholders, namely  
9 the strength of familia, the bonds of comunidad and the  
10 mutuality of respeto; and

11           WHEREAS, bottom-up change is needed in this state with  
12 students, parents and communities themselves defining the  
13 programmatic and policy issues necessary to effect systemic  
14 change; and

15           WHEREAS, elected officials throughout the state have  
16 united in a bipartisan effort to support the continuation and  
17 expansion of the ENLACE New Mexico mission; and

18           WHEREAS, the New Mexico legislature has shown its  
19 commitment to education by demonstrating its support for  
20 improving the New Mexico educational system by funding programs  
21 such as ENLACE;

22           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
23 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 9, 2007  
24 be recognized as "ENLACE New Mexico Day" at the legislature and  
25 that recognition be extended to ENLACE New Mexico for

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1 increasing opportunities for academic achievement, school  
2 completion and success in higher education, not only for Latino  
3 students, but for all students in New Mexico; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
5 transmitted to local chapters of ENLACE statewide.

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